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Mayor Sheila Dixon Appoints Frederick Bealefeld Baltimore City Police Commissioner

Acting Commissioner's Experience and Leadership Qualify Him to Lead Department

Baltimore, MD(October 4, 2007) – Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon announced Acting Commissioner Frederick Bealefeld will officially remain as head of the Baltimore City Police Department.

“I have great confidence in Commissioner Bealefeld, who has distinguished himself as acting commissioner and as a 26-year veteran of our police force,” said Mayor Dixon. “During his time as acting commissioner, the murder rate is down, as is the overall rate of shootings. This is no coincidence. This is no accident.”

After the resignation of former Commissioner Leonard Hamm, the City of Baltimore undertook a nationwide search for a replacement. In the meantime, Acting Commissioner Bealefeld aggressively implemented the Mayor's public safety plan. As a result, the rate of homicides and shootings dropped across the city. The Mayor hopes to build upon this success.

Commissioner Bealefeld joined the Police Department in 1981. He has served as Acting Commissioner since July. He is a former Deputy Commissioner, area chief, commander of the Southern District, chief of detectives, commander of the citywide narcotics section, and a supervisor of the homicide division.

“Commissioner Bealefeld understands and is implementing my public safety plan focused on guns, better deployment, and heavy enforcement in targeted areas,” added Mayor Dixon. “It is working, and I look forward to continuing our close working relationship to make Baltimore as great as its people.”

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